



SAINT MARGARET

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Mass Schedule

Daily: Saint Margaret Chapel Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 8:30 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Chapel is open for private prayer daily 6:30 am - 5:00 pm

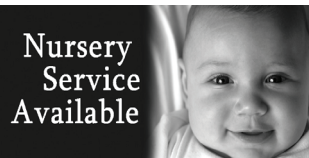
Weekend: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm
Saint Mary Magdalen Mission Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am and 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Saint Margaret Church Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm and immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass

Mass Intentions February 11 - February 19, 2012

Saturday	4:00 pm	Marie Otremba
	5:30 pm	Frank Meadowcroft
Sunday	7:30 am	Charlotte Mosko
	9:00 am	Fred Alter
	9:30 am	Matthew Murphy
	10:30 am	Patricia Fetcho
	11:00 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret
	12:00 pm	Michael Guercio
Monday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Dominic Ciambriello
Tuesday	6:30 am	Thomas Nardi
	8:30 am	Sandy and Joseph Keenan (70th Anniversary)
Wednesday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Elizabeth Barrows
	8:30 am	Thomas Heidenreich
Thursday	6:30 am	Eucharistic Service
	8:30 am	Frank Meadowcroft
Friday	6:30 am	Michael Juharz
	8:30 am	Teresa Ciambriello
Saturday	8:30 am	Mary Konitzer
	4:00 pm	Jimmy Celeste
	5:30 pm	John and Bertha Skowronski
Sunday	7:30 am	Donald R. Esposito
	9:00 am	Lance Hartman
	9:30 am	Paul Davis (Sp. Int.)
	10:30 am	Parishioners of Saint Margaret
	11:00 am	Frank Meadowcroft
	12:00 pm	Joseph Patti

The Parish Office hours: Monday through Thursday - 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
Friday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.



For children up to 3 years of age, nursery service is available in the Preschool building (next to the church) during the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses and at Saint Mary Magdalen during the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses. Trained staff will care for your children while you attend Mass. This is a free service.

Readings for February 19, 2012

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time The test of faith

Reading I Isaiah 43:18-19, 21,22, 24b-25 Promise of redemption and restoration

Reading II 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Paul's sincerity

Gospel Mark 2:1-12 Healing of a paralytic at Capernaum

Key Passage Jesus said, "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk?'" Mark 2:9

Adult When has it been hardest for you to believe that your sins are forgiven?

Child Are you willing to believe what you cannot see? Why is this hard to do?

Visit our website at www.stmargaret.org



SAINT MARGARET

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Seeking a world transformed and unified in Christ

Saint Margaret Church

Bulletin for the week of February 12, 2012

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission

Welcome To Saint Margaret!

We welcome all people to worship and celebrate God's all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us today.

Breaking News



Altar Flowers

Flowers this weekend are donated by Joan Keenan in memory of her parents, Sandy and Joseph Keenan 70th wedding anniversary.

Play It Forward

Our next gathering will take place Monday, **February 13** at 10:00 am in the Adult Education Center. Please come and join the fun!

Eucharistic Adoration For Vocations

Tuesday, February 14, after the 8:30 am Mass until 6:00 pm in Saint Margaret Chapel. Participate in this special day of prayer by spending some quiet time in adoration of the Lord.

The Widows and Widowers Group

Meet at Bertucci's Restaurant on **Tuesday, February 14** at 12:30 for the February meeting. Come and enjoy each others' company as well as some delicious food. If you are able to join us, please call Carol Hoffman at 443-567-5232. Come and celebrate Valentine's Day together.

Welcome

Chloe Marie Coon and Blake Donavon Chipley



who were baptized last weekend into the Saint Margaret parish community. May they continue to receive God's blessings and grace.

Happy Saint Valentine's Day!

Recently, our 9th grade Faith Formation students completed their Family Life Unit. As part of this unit, students explored the scripture 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Most of us would recognize this familiar scripture that begins, "Love is patient. Love is kind."




Students were asked to look at this scripture in the light of their current and future relationships and how it could be used as a guide for pursuing healthy relationships throughout their lives. As a follow-up to this task, the students were asked to translate this scripture into their own words and what they believed love to truly be. So, collectively, our students wrote the following translation. Beautiful and meaningful whatever your age, I hope you enjoy the clarity and truth of this translation. Happy Saint Valentine's Day!

*CeeCee Meholc, Administrator
Middle and High School Faith Formation*

Love waits, listens and is calm.
Love does not pressure, force or become obsessive.
Love is helpful. Love holds the door open for you.
It is not hurtful, insulting or selfish.
Love trusts. It allows you to be free; it gives you space.
Love is not overprotective, clingy or isolating.
Love is simple. It is modest. It is accepting.
Love does not brag, show off or look down on others.
Love is humble; it is not self-centered, conceited or vain.
Love is polite. Love is sweet. Love is caring.
It is not nasty, obnoxious or disrespectful.
Love does not seek the spotlight.
Love is open-minded; it is not controlling.
Love is forgiving. It is not hot-headed.
It does not make rash decisions or jump to conclusions.
Love is consoling and healing; it does not hold a grudge.
Love does not take delight in another's failures.
It does not keep bringing up the past.
Love is honest and strong; it does not lie or keep secrets.
Love is optimistic and joyful.
It goes through the worst and hopes for the best.
Love perseveres. Love never quits. Love is EVERLASTING.



 Ash Wednesday
February 22, 2012
Masses and Services
with Distribution of
Ashes

Saint Margaret Church
Masses: 6:30 and 8:30 am
12:15 and 7:00 pm**
Prayer Service: 5:00 pm

Saint Mary Magdalen Mission
Masses: 8:30 am and 7:30 pm

Spiritual Reflections Via E-Mail

Beginning this Lent, Father Mike will send weekly reflections via e-mail. If you would like to receive these reflections, please send your name and preferred e-mail address to ksaccenti@stmargaret.org.

Community Notes

Hymn Sing/Song and Praise

February 19, 4:30 pm in the Worship Center at St. Francis de Sales, 1450 Abingdon Road. The choir will lead us in singing our favorite hymns -- old and new. Remember when you sing, you pray twice. Everyone is invited to come and sing.

Atlantic City, N.J. Bus Trip

Sponsored by Prince of Peace Church. Two days, one night, **Feb. 23-24**. \$159 pp (double occupancy). Call Kathy, 410-679-5912 or 410-937-5929 or e-mail kathyc1216@yahoo.com.

The Winds of Lent

Sunday, February 26, 3:00 pm in the chapel at St. John the Evangelist Church, 13305 Long Green Pike, Hydes, MD. Seating is limited for this free concert. Call 410-592-6206 for tickets.

Vera Bradley/Longaberger Basket Bingo

Sunday, February 26 at Prince of Peace Church in Edgewood. Doors open 1:30 pm. Bingo starts at 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$17 thru Feb. 25; and \$20 at the door. Contact Sister Susanne, 410-679-5912 or Dolores Huff, 410-676-0418.

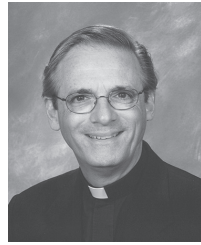
Archbishop Curley High School Events

- **"All That Curley Jazz"** - March 3, 7:00 - 11:00 at the school. \$25 per person.
- **"Hello Dolly!"** - March 17, 7:30 pm and March 18 at 2:00 pm. \$15 per person.

Retreat For Women

Saturday, March 24, at Crucifixion Church in Glen Burnie. This retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Ladies Service Organization. Call Natalie Boyd at 410-515-0309 if interested.

From Father Mike



Dear Friends,
Thank you! This is the simplest and clearest way I can express myself to you this weekend.

Thank you first for your faith and your support of the spiritual mission of this parish and of our broader Catholic Church. Thank you for last weekend – for participating so patiently and so unselfishly in the in-pew commitment of our *Embracing Our Mission/Shaping Our Future* capital campaign. And thank you for your wonderful generosity.

I am writing this column on Monday evening, February 6, and here are the results of last weekend's commitment process:

- Total Amount Pledged on Commitment Weekend: \$803,000
- Total Number of Pledges on Commitment Weekend: 378

This is an outstanding response from the eight Masses last weekend. These pledges have dramatically increased the grand total pledged to date in this campaign:

- Total Amount Pledged in Campaign so far: \$3,144,000
- Total Number of Pledges in Campaign so far: 776

These results are excellent. They say so much about the vitality and spirit of this parish. I thank all of you who have been able to pledge and participate in this way. I also thank all who are still reflecting on a gift. And I thank all who considered this request but are unable to contribute. I deeply appreciate your prayerful support.

As I said last weekend, we are now bringing to closure the formal phase of the campaign. This weekend, we are conducting a rather simple follow-up process at all the Masses for the benefit of those who were not able to be here last weekend. We will soon connect with those of you who indicated that you wanted a bit more time to consider a pledge and we will continue conversations with others about this. To date, we have reached 78% of our total goal of \$4 million. We have a way to go but we are within striking distance of the goal. I know we can do it!

Briefly, I want to turn to another topic – one that is rather serious. Included in this bulletin is a letter from Archbishop O'Brien and I urge you to read it. This concerns a ruling by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services that almost all employers, including Catholic employers will be forced to offer health coverages that are against our Catholic teaching. This requirement is a violation of one of our most fundamental freedoms, that of religious liberty. I intend to devote my column to this topic next weekend, but I did not want to wait any longer to place this issue before you. We need to think, pray, and act. More to come on this!

To return to where I began, thank you again for your faith and your support of the living out of our faith as a parish and Church. I close with the words of Saint Paul in his First Letter to the Thessalonians: *"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Father Mike

Tell Congress to Respect Religious Freedom in Health Care Reform



Our religious liberty is being threatened by the US Department of Health and Human Services, which is mandating that all private health insurance plans cover sterilization, abortifacients, and contraception.

It is critical that congress pass the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act* to end this unprecedented threat.

As noted by the *Washington Post* editorial, "Requiring a religiously affiliated employer to spend its own money in a way that violates its religious principles does not make an adequate accommodation for those deeply held views."

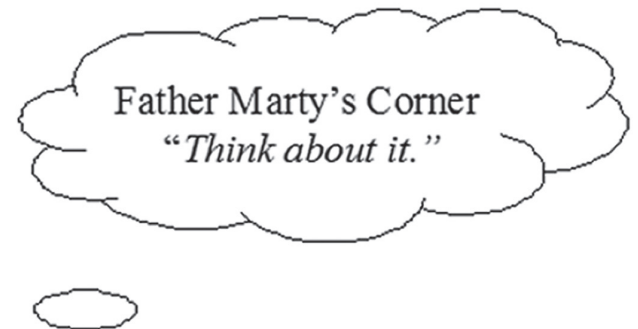
Visit the Maryland Catholic Conference to send an e-mail alert to Congress at <http://capwiz.com/mdcath/home/>.



Remember the power of 1
1 person, 1 food item, 1 Mass

You can make a difference for
those who are hungry.

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Marriage Moments

Renew your vows today or on Valentine's Day. "I ____, take you, ____, to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." © Susan Vogt

Adult Faith Opportunities

For more information, contact Marie Dekowski, 410-879-2670, ext. 126 mdekowski@stmargaret.org

Prayer For Our Marriage

Heavenly Father, we thank You for your tremendous gift of the sacrament of marriage. Enable us to grow in our intimacy with You and with each other. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more one in heart, mind and body. Strengthen our communication with each other, and help us become living signs of your love. Help us to be examples of commitment, love and service to our families and children. Make us a sign of the unity which Jesus prays for at the Last Supper. We open ourselves to the guidance of your Holy Spirit, who empowers us to love in Jesus' name and walk in His footsteps. Amen.

Saint Margaret Dance Class Reunion

7th annual event will be held **Thursday, March 1**, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm in the elementary school hall. There is no charge and guests are welcome. RSVP to Earnie and Natalie Boyd at 410-515-0309 or ehboyd@aol.com.

Men's Conference - March 24

Featuring the "Crossing the Goal Team." Immaculate Conception Church, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Closing Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien. Visit www.catholicmensfellowship for more information.

Due Dates For Bulletin

Items are due by 10:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 10:00 am on the previous Friday. Please fax to 410-879-2518 or e-mail ksaccenti@stmargaret.org.

Outreach Notes

For more information, contact Jane O'Hara at 410-838-6969/410-879-2670, ext. 143, or e-mail johara@stmargaret.org.


Substance Abuse Ministry

HEALING RECOVERY PREVENTION PEACE We are all addicts. Human beings are addictive by nature. Substance addiction are merely the most visible form of addiction, but actually we are all addicted to our own habitual way of doing anything, our own defenses, and most especially our patterned way of thinking, or how we process our reality. You cannot heal what you do .not first acknowledge. (Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps by Richard Rohr). If you or a loved one is struggling with substance issues, please come to one of the following meetings on our campus.
Mondays, 7:00 pm - Families Anonymous
Fridays, 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
Saturday, 7:30 pm - Women for Sobriety
Sundays, 6:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
Sundays, 8:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

Support Habitat for Humanity

Support the Dream Builders' Ball by purchasing a raffle ticket to win a huge 55" HDTV! Only \$5 a ticket, and limited quantities are being sold and are available in the parish office. If you are interested in attending this event on Saturday, Feb. 25, please contact Kathy Pettus at 410-776-3811.

Health Ministry

 While the line between chocolate and Valentine's Day is strong, the link between chocolate and its health benefits is not. To the dismay of chocolate lovers, researchers at NIH say that there is not enough evidence to support claims of chocolate being a health food. They do agree that given a choice, dark chocolate is a better option than milk or white chocolate because of its antioxidant properties. However, don't wash down that piece of dark chocolate with milk, as it will interfere with any health benefits derived from the dark chocolate.

Our Daily Bread

Casseroles for this month's delivery will be due to the parish office by **Thursday, February 23**. Pans and instructions can be found near the entrances to the Church.

Cinderella's Closet

This is a fundraiser involving glitz and glamour! We sell gently used special occasion dresses to benefit needy children in Harford County. We are expanding to become our own signature event! If you have any interest in helping with this cause, contact Jane O'Hara in the Outreach office.

Volunteer Opportunities: FCCAU Homeless Shelter

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help, particularly the 7:00-11:00 pm and overnight (midnight to 8:00 am) host shifts. These positions are safe and easy - you simply spend time conversing, playing cards, etc. with the shelter residents. There are paid staff members also on duty while you are there. Even if you commit to doing this once or twice a year, it would be a GREAT help!

Hospital Eucharistic Minister

Do you have an hour or two to take Communion to the sick at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center? You may go at a time convenient for you and can serve once a month or every week, as your schedule permits. Training takes place before your ministry begins.

Hooked On Prayer

The next gathering of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on Tuesday, February 14 at 10:00 am in the Adult Education Center Library. All novices as well as experienced knitters and crocheters are invited!

Ministry of Consolation "Life After Loss"

Weekly drop-in support group meets **every Tuesday** at 11:00 am in the Adult Education Center Library. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider attending. *Let your journey be what it is. And let yourself-your new, grieving self be who you are.*

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

The Health Ministry is interested in sponsoring this weight loss program here on our campus. The cost is nominal - \$26 per year. If interested, please call 410-838-6969, ext. 141.

Liturgy Corner Bread and wine...

At every Mass we use bread and wine. While the wine is easily recognized, what we call bread at Mass looks nothing like the bread on our dinner tables. Did Jesus use hosts, which we call bread, at the Last Supper?

Jesus did not use any form of a host, but instead used unleavened bread. Throughout the days of the earlier Church, believers used the same type of bread. However, as our Tradition developed, the use of the host we have today became necessary to preserve the Eucharist in not allowing it to get stale for later use. Also, the practice of Eucharistic adoration necessitated the use of a host as well.

What is most important though, is that we realize this "bread/host" becomes Jesus. It is not a symbol as other faith traditions believe. As a result, we must be very careful to avoid referring to the Eucharist as bread and wine once it has been consecrated. It is a very easy mistake we all make. However, words are very important in the Liturgy and we must say what we believe. We do not receive bread or wine. We receive God Himself! What an amazing God...that He gives us His very self.

Those Crazy Catholics!

Not only do they kneel, bow and genuflect, but they eat weird foods, bury statues of St. Joseph upside-down and do who knows what else. Come join the Keeping the Faith group for a discussion of uniquely Catholic practices and whether they have their basis in the faith - or maybe in superstition. Did your Catholic grandmother tell you to hide the baby Jesus from a St. Anthony statue until he helped you find your keys? Do you cross yourself every time you pass a Catholic church? Bring your stories and your questions about Catholic folk practices to the AEC on **February 16** at 7:00 p.m. It should be a fun discussion!

Keeping the Faith meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Center. We travel in-depth into Catholic topics that you may have missed and help you to understand and be able to explain them. New members are always welcome, so if you're interested, give Marie Dekowski a call at 410-879-2670, ext. 126 or e-mail her at mdekowski@stmargaret.org.

Music Notes

Michael Britt, Music Minister
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Special Music - 10:30 am Mass

Organ Prelude: "Nocturne" - Daniel E. Gawthrop

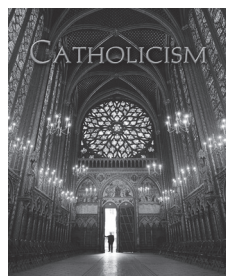
Organ Postlude: "Exultate" - D.E. Gawthrop
"Trust in the Lord" - D. E. Gawthrop
Saint Margaret Adult Choir

Daniel E. Gawthrop (born 1949 in Fort Wayne, Indiana) is an American composer, primarily of choral music. His output also includes a substantial body of works for the organ. Gawthrop has been active as a broadcaster, clinician, adjudicator, organist and conductor and served for three years as composer-in-residence to the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. He has been the recipient of over 100 commissions. The Organ Prelude this weekend, "Nocturne," was commissioned in 2005 by our Minister of Music, Michael Britt.



During my last semester in the seminary, I am taking a course on ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue. Part of the course requires that each student bring at least 15 guests to an Evening Prayer Service on February 15 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Seminary (5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, 21210.) I invite each of you to consider this great prayer opportunity. If you are interested, please contact me at the parish office or at sroth@stmargaret.org so that I can reserve a ticket for you.

Catholicism Series



Harford Catholic Assembly is presenting the 10-week DVD series "Catholicism" by Father Robert Barron. The topic of Session Four is entitled, "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast - Mary, the Mother of God," and will be held on **Tuesday, February 14** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Mark, 2407 Laurel Brook Road, Fallston. For more information, please contact Bridgit Goedeke, 410-879-1706, ext. 111 or bgoedeke@saintmarkfallston.org.

Saint Margaret Youth Ministry

Kristin Rupprecht
Youth and Young Adult Minister
410-879-2670, ext 166
krupprecht@stmargaret.org

Confirmation Classes

Class: Sunday, Feb. 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

High School Youth Ministry (HSYM) FIRE House



Weekly schedule:

Mondays and Wednesdays,
2:30 - 5:00 pm drop-in study time: Looking for a quiet, comfortable place to read, study or do homework with your friends? Come to FiRE

House! We will open the house each Monday and Wednesday to provide you a quiet spot to work away from home. Bring quarters - we will have snacks and drinks for sale.

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 9:30 pm. High School Hangout Nights! Every week, we'll have different activities: movies, games, service activities, holiday events. Be there!

High School Service Opportunity
Saturday, February 11, we will be going to help at Harford Family House in Aberdeen. If you are interested, please call Kristin in the parish office. STAND-certified parents are needed to help drive and chaperone.

High School Ski Trip to Roundtop - RESCHEDULED! Monday, February 20 (President's Day), 6:30 am - 6:45 pm. Sign up by February 12! Cost is \$15 for bus only (you bring your own lift ticket and skis); \$66 for bus and lift (you bring your own skis); \$90 for bus, lift and ski rentals (includes a free lesson). Permission forms in the parish office. Questions? Call Kristin in the parish office.

Middle School Madness Returns!
Friday, February 17 at the Saint Mary Magdalen Education Center, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Come play dodgeball and other games, help with a service project or watch a movie! Bring \$\$ - snacks and water for sale. STAND-certified adults are needed to help. Call Kristin in the parish office if you can help.



Education Notes ...

Faith Formation

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Preschool and Elementary

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Keri Geibler, kgeibler@stmargaret.org

Middle and High School

CeeCee Meholic, cmeholic@stmargaret.org

Elementary Faith Formation Classes

3 and 4 year olds, Kindergarten and Grade 1
Wednesday: Feb. 15: 4:45 and 6:45 pm
Sunday: Feb. 12 and 19: 9:00 and 10:30 am

Middle/High School Faith Formation

Classes this week: February 14 and 15
No class on February 21 and 22.
Consider attending the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in Saint Margaret school hall on Hickory Avenue and either the 5:00 pm service or 7:00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday at the church.

Essay Contest Winners Announced

9th Grade - Rebecca Borowski
8th Grade - Aidan McKenzie
7th Grade - Robin Landis
6th Grade - Ben Schnuck
See the highlights of their award winning essays in this week's bulletin insert.



Parent Power Pack

If you were unable to attend last week's Large Group Session, then you missed receiving your "Parent Power Pack" which contains many items to enrich your faith life and keep you nourished as you go about your daily and lifelong task of raising your children! If you would like a packet, please e-mail me at cmeholic@stmargaret.org and I will send one home with your student.



Inclement Weather Policy

Faith Formation classes follow the Harford County Public Schools. If there is no school or if evening activities are cancelled, there will be no Faith Formation classes. Get the latest school closure information directly from the home page of HCPS.org.

Saint Margaret School

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Admissions: cpleiss@smsch.org

Feb. 13: Band
Feb. 14: Hot Lunch; 3:00 pm Choir Practice; School Board Mtg., 7:00 pm
Feb. 15: Mass
Feb. 16: Hot Lunch; End of marking period
Feb. 18: JV Girls 9:00 am SMS vs. Cathedral; Cathedral vs. SMS VBoys 2:15 pm
Feb. 20: School closed: President's Day

Knott Scholarship Funds

Knott Scholarship Funds announce the availability of four-year, full-tuition scholarships for the 2012/2013 academic year. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Catholic students now in grade 4 or grade 8, living in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford or Howard counties may apply. Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic parish elementary school or a Catholic high school within these geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Information regarding qualifications and an application form describing eligibility requirements and deadlines may be obtained from our web site at www.knottscholar.org. For additional information, please call 410-779-1225.

NDP Egg Drop Competition

On Saturday, January 28 two teams from Saint Margaret School competed in the NDP Egg Drop Competition. Our 8th grade team members were: Abby Barnd, Julia Haigley, and Kristen Isoldi. Team members from our 7th grade were: Sarah Cowan, Angela Miceli, and Carly Schofield. Our 7th grade team placed third in the competition. Congratulations on a job well done!

Maryland Cup Cheer Competition

Congratulations to our Saint Margaret Cheerleaders who won 1st place on Saturday, January 28 in the Maryland Cup Cheer Competition. Way to go, girls!

Tuition Assistance Apply to Both Sources!

- Archdiocese:** The application process **must be completed by February 29, 2012.** To apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese of Baltimore, you must contact FACTS and complete its application for tuition assistance. You can do so online at www.factstuitionaid.com or request a hard copy from our business office (contact: Mrs. Bynion). There is additional information in the school newsletter. Notification of awards will be sent the first two weeks of April 2012.
- Parish:** For the 2012-2013 school year, applications for parish tuition assistance can now be made via the [sss.nais.org](http://www.sss.nais.org) website. Policies and timelines are on the parish website at <http://www.stmargaret.org/school.php>. **The parish deadline is Monday, March 12.**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm ~ Saint Margaret School Hall



Sponsored by Saint Margaret Boy Scout Troop 564. Please join us for this family fun event! Menu: Pancakes, sausage, donuts, fruit cups and beverages. Free will donations will be accepted. Contact the parish office, 410-838-6969, for more information.